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1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURE REFUGEES
AND PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE; TUESDAY NYTIMESFRONT-
PAGED MOVE FOR BIG DEFENSE CUTS WANES; WEDNESDAY WASHPOST
FRONTPAGES PENTAGON BUDGET SLASHED; BALTSUN FRONTPAGES

HOUSE PANEL TRIMS LITTLE FROM BUDGET; ALSO MOSCOW STORY, SOVIET READY TO CUT MISSILES AFTER TALKS. LITTLE FRESH COMMENT.

1A. TUESDAY WASHPO T SQUIB REPORTED 51 NATIONS BEGAN REVIEW OF FIRST FIVE YEARS OF NPT; NYTIMES INSIDE HAD FAIRLY SHORT GENEVA STORY. WASHPOST INSIDE ALSO HAD LOCAL UPI, PENTAGON ATOMIC STRATEGY HIT.

1B. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAS PRESIDENT ASSURES CONGRESS ON NUCLEAR CURBS; WASHPOST HEADS WORLD ROUNDUP COLUMN, US, SOVIETS BACK NUCLEAR PACT AGAIN. POST ALSO HAS LONGISH LOCAL STORY SALYUT SAID TO FAIL ONCEMORE; ALSO MADRID STORY, FORD, FRANCO SEEK TO HEAL RIFT ON

BASES, WITH WASHINGTON TRAILER HEADED SPAIN SAID TO WANT NATO MEMBERSHIP. NYTIMES INSIDE HAS US OUTLINES VIEWS ON SECURITY TALKS.

2. PRESIDENT FORD. PAPERS STRESS FORD'S PLEA ON REFUGEES, HIS OPPOSITION TO A VIETNAM INQUIRY, AND HIS VOW TO MAINTAIN US WORLD LEADERSHIP AND FULFILL US COMMITMENTS. NYTIMES BALTSUN CARRY TEXT. FORD SAID, IN REPLY TO A QUERY ABOUT GOOD FOREIGN POLICY NEWS IN 1976 WHICH HE PROMISED A GROUP OF VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS, HE HAD IN MIND PROGRESS BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF 1976 IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SALT TWO AGREEMENT, PRESIDENT SAYING IT HASN'T BEEN FINALIZED BUT THE ATMOSPHERE IS GOOD; THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME HARD NEGOTIATING BUT I WILL APPROACH THAT IMPORTANT MEETING WITH MR. BREZHNEV AIMED AT ACHIEVING RESULTS; AND I THINK HIS ATTITUDE WILL REFLECT THE SAME. PRESIDENT ADDED HE EXPECTED GREATER SOLIDARITY IN EUROPE AND HE IS GOING TO EUROPE TO STRENGTHEN THAT SOLIDARITY AND TO WORK ON A MORE UNIFIED POSITION IN SOLVING OUR JOINT ECONOMIC AND ENERGY PROBLEMS. FORD ADDED HE EXPECTS GAINS IN PACIFIC.

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3. NUCLEAR CURBS. TUESDAY NYTIMES GENEVA SPECIAL WAS HEADED, 56 NATIONS CONFER ON NUCLEAR CURBS, SPECIAL REPORTING OPENING OF FOUR-WEEK CONFERENCE ONEFFECTS OF 1970 TREATY, WITH INGA THORSSON WARNING THERE WERE DANGERS INVOLVED IN CONTINUING SPREAD OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AROUND WORLD AND POSSIBILITY THEIR BY-PRODUCTS MIGHT BE DIVERTED TO WEAPONS PRODUCTION, A POSSIBILITY WHICH IS TO BE EXAMINED DURING THE CONFERENCE. SPECIAL SAYS WALDHEIM CALLED ON PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE TREATY WHICH HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY 90 COUNTRIES ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. STORY SAYS JAPAN AND SWITZERLAND WHICH HAVE SIGNED NPT, BUT NOT RATIFIED, ARE AT CONFERENCE; AND FOLLOWING NON-SIGNATORIES HAVE ASKED FOR OBSERVER STATUS: ALGERIA CUBA

ISRAEL SOUTH AFRICA.

3A. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES HAS WASHINGTON AP REPORTING PRESIDENT FORD ASSURED CONGRESS TODAY THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION WAS GIVING PRIORITY CONCERN TO PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR THE ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL FOR POSSIBLE NONPEACEFUL USES. IN A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, AP REPORTS, PRESIDENT SAID WHATEVER EFFORTS ARE NEEDED TO ALLOW US AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO ENJOY BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWER, WITHOUT FEAR, WILL BE TAKEN BY US GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE US IS TAKING THE LEAD IN PROPOSING MEASURES TO PREVENT TERRORIST GROUPS FROM CAPTURING OR SABOTAGING NUCLEAR

MATERIALS AND FACILITIES. AP SAYS PRESIDENT INCLUDED WITH HIS MESSAGE A REPORT ON US LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING NUCLEAR EXPORTS AND SAFEGUARDS, SAYING CURRENT LAWS PROVIDE AMPLE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL THE EXPORT AND RE-EXPORT OF NUCLEAR-RELATED MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY BUT EXISTING REGULATIONS ARE BEING CONSTANTLY REVIEWED AND CHANGED TO MAKE THEM MORE EFFECTIVE. AP ADDS PRESIDENT ALSO SAID US IS ENCOURAGING THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS AND THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

3B. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST GENEVA ITEM REPORTS THAT IN A MESSAGE TO THE 60-NATION CONFERENCE REVIEWING THE FIVE-UNCLASSIFIED

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YEAR-OLD NPT PRESIDENT FORD SAID YESTERDAY THAT SUPPORT FOR IT QUOTE IS A MAJOR TENET OF AMERICAN POLICY UNQUOTE. STORY ADDS SOVIET UNION ALSO REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE TREATY BUT THE MEXICAN DELEGATION ACCUSED THE TWO MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS OF DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON DISARMAMENT. STORY REPORTS IKLE SAID QUOTE WE HAVE TO CONCERN OURSELVES SERIOUSLY WITH THE THREAT OF THEFT AND OTHER CRIMINAL SEIZURE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL UNQUOTE, AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ALSO CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT NUCLEAR THEFTS BY CRIMINALS AND TERRORISTS.

4. SALT. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTS SOVIET UNION IS OFFERING TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBERS OF MISSILES ALLOWED UNDER STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES ONCE A NEW ARMS TREATY IS CONCLUDED, ACCORDING TO MOSCOW SOURCES. PARKS SAYS THE SOVIET OFFER APPARENTLY IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR FAST AGREEMENT AND RATIFICATION OF THE NEXT TREATY, WHOSE BROAD TERMS WERE SET AT VLADIVOSTOK. AS THE KREMLIN SEES IT, SAYS PARKS, FORD ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE ABLE TO USE A PUBLIC SOVIET COMMITMENT TO REDUCE THE TWO SUPERPOWERS' ARSENALS IN ORDER TO OVERCOME

EXTENSIVE CRITICISM IN US TO VLADIVOSTOK LIMITS. SOME DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HAVE SUGGESTED MOSCOW IS SEEKING US CONCESSIONS ON SEVERAL HIGHLY TECHNICAL BUT IMPORTANT ISSUES AT SALT TWO AND PRESENT OFFER MEETS A KEY DEMAND TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER NEXT AGREEMENT TO SET LOWER CEILINGS ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS AND CURB DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS, PARKS NOTING THAT KENNEDY MONDALE MATHIAS SAID THEIR SUPPORT OF ANY NEW TREATY WOULD DEPEND ON ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CONDITION. PARKS SAYS SOVIET NEGOTIATORS AT GENEVA HAVE MADE THIS OFFER AND IT IS NOW BEING CONVEYED TO CONGRESSMEN AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN SALT.

PARKS ADDS THAT ARBATOV LAST WEEKEND IN RADIO BROADCAST TO US SAID CONCLUSION OF THE TREATY AGREED UPON AT VLADIVOSTOK WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO EFFECT A TRANSITION FROM ARMS LIMITATION TO THEIR REDUCTION AND ARBATOV ENDORSED THE SENATE RESOLUTION. ONE SOVIET SOURCE SAID A REPETITION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT AFFAIR, UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPECTING SALT, WOULD BE VERY DAMAGING. ACCORDING PARKS, ARBATOV WAS SPEAKING FOR WHOLE SOVIET LEADERSHIP FOLLOWING CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO.

5. OTHER SOVIET. NEWSWEEK'S PERISCOPE HAS PARAGRAPH ENTITLED CHEMICAL-WAR GAMES, SAYING WHILE US HAS OFFICIALLY RENOUNCED FIRST-STRIKE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, SOVIET UNION THINKS DIFFERENTLY, ACCORDING TO TOP NATO OFFICIALS. NATO INTELLIGENCE HAS LEARNED THAT DURING A RECENT RUSSIAN WAR GAME SOVIET FORCES OPENED THEIR SIMULATED ATTACK ON WESTERN EUROPE BY BLANKETING DENMARK WITH A GAS THAT RENDERS ITS VICTIMS UNCONSCIOUS FOR 48 HOURS. NEWSWEEK HAS ALSO OVER A PAGE ON VISIT TO BAIKONUR AND PLANNED JOINT SPACE FLIGHT.

5A. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST O'TOOLE LOCAL REPORTS THAT WESTERN SPACE OBSERVERS SAY SOVIET UNION APPEARS TO HAVE ABANDONED ITS ORBITING SALYUT SPACE STATION, WHICH WOULD BE THE FOURTH STRAIGHT TIME THE SOVIETS HAVE LAUNCHED ONE OF THEIR 500-MILLION-DOLLAR SPACE LABORATORIES WITHOUT REVISITING IT, AND IT NOW APPEARS TO BEDRIFTING AIMLESSLY IN ORBIT, EACH DAY SLIPPING A LITTLE MORE OFF COURSE FOR SOVIET COSMONAUTS TO REACH IT; ALSO SOVIET TRACKING SHIPS HAVE RETURNED FROM GULFS OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND GUINEA, BUT PRESENCE OF VESSEL NORTH OF PUERTO RICO SUGGESTS SOVIETS WILL ATTEMPT A DEEP SPACE FLIGHT TO VENUS; VESSEL OFF MAURITIUS SUGGESTS ANOTHER AROUND-THE-MOON FLIGHT.

5B. TUESDAY WASHPOST JACK ANDERSON COLUMN IS HEADED DETENTE DRAINING US TECHNOLOGY, ANDERSON SAYING US HAS

PAID A PRICE FOR DETENTE WHICH AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD ABOUT, I.E. A TECHNOLOGY DRAIN FROM US TO SOVIET UNION THAT HAS COST US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, THOUSANDS OF JOBS, AND SOME VALUABLE SCIENTIFIC SECRETS. SEN. JACKSON HAS ORDERED A SENATE INVESTIGATION, ANDERSON SAYING SOVIETS HAVE LITTLE TECHNOLOGY TO OFFER US AND MUCH TO GAIN AND THIS HAS UPSET US INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS

HO BELIEVE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO EXPLOIT OUR TECHNOLOGY PRIMARILY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.
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6. CSCE. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES REUTERS WASHINGTON SAID

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN TESTIFIED BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS YESTERDAY SAYING THAT CSCE WILL NOT PRODUCE A FORMAL TREATY BINDING PARTICIPANTS TO COOPERATE IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY MATTERS. HARTMAN EXPLAINED MEMBER NATIONS VIEW POSITION PAPERS BEING WORKED OUT AS DECLARATIONS OF INTENT RATHER THAN LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENTS, AND FINAL DOCUMENTS OF CSCE WILL NOT REQUIRE CONSENT OF U.S. SENATE. HARTMAN ADDED THAT IF PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS PROVE SATISFACTORY, U.S. AND ATLANTIC ALLIES WOULD AGREE TO SUMMIT-LEVEL CONCLUSION TO CSCE.

7. U.S. DEFENSE POLICY. TUESDAY WASHPOST LOCAL UPI REPORTED SEN. MCINTYRE SAID PENTAGON IS PLANNING A STRATEGY THAT PUTS A HAIR TRIGGER ON NUCLEAR WAR, ADDING THAT PENTAGON'S CHIEF ALLY IN THIS IS SENATOR JACKSON. MCINTYRE SAID IF YOU THREATEN YOUR ADVERSARY'S MISSILES WITH GREATER U.S. ACCURACY, HE MAY REASONABLY FEAR YOU ARE PREPARING TO TAKE HIS DETERRENT AWAY WITH A PREEMPTIVE FIRST STRIKE, AND THUS MAKES YOUR OWN MISSILES MORE ATTRACTIVE TARGETS.

7A. TUESDAY NYTIMES GELB WASHINGTON SAID CONGRESSIONAL LIBERALS AND MODERATES ARE BACKING AWAY FROM INTENDED RECORD CUTS IN DEFENSE SPENDING AND REDUCTIONS IN OVERSEAS FORCES, MANY WISHING TO AVOID IMPRESSION THAT U.S. IS ENTERING AN ISOLATIONIST PERIOD. AT PRIVATE MEETING OF SOME 30 LIBERAL CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS FRIDAY IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK A CUT OF ABOUT 7 PERCENT RATHER THAN THE EARLIER SUGGESTED FIGURE OF 10 PERCENT FROM THE PENTAGON'S 104.7 BILLION BUDGET REQUEST. GELB SAID SENATOR MANSFIELD IS UNLIKELY TO OFFER HIS AMENDMENT TO WITHDRAW BULK OF U.S. FORCES FROM EUROPE THIS YEAR, AND MONDALE SAID IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEW THAT CONGRESS SHOULD NOT SIGNAL RUSSIANS THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP AFTER INDOCHINA DEBACLE. REPRESENTATIVES ASPIN AND SYMINGTON ARE CIRCULATING PETITION WITH 51 CO-SPONSORS REAFFIRMING U.S. TREATY COMMITMENTS, AND ASPIN SAID HE IS TRYING TO GET

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COLLEAGUES TO DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN TROOP-CUT AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSALS TO CUT UNNECESSARY WEAPONS SYSTEMS. SENATOR NUNN HAS SHELVED RECENT PROPOSAL TO PHASE DOWN 42,000 MAN U.S. FORCE IN KOREA AND

REPRESENTATIVE O'NEILL SAID HE WILL NOT ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH MOVE TO REDUCE OVERSEAS FORCES BY 100,000 MEN AS IN PAST. SEVERAL SAID THEIR THINKING HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY AS-YET UNPUBLISHED STUDY BY BROOKINGS INSTITUTION WHICH ADVANCES 1.9 BILLION AS MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE CUT IN DEFENSE SPENDING FOR THIS YEAR, A MUCH SMALLER FIGURE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

7B. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES FINNEY WASHINGTON SAID HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE CUT 7 PERCENT FROM PENTAGON'S PROPOSED WEAPONS PROCUREMENT AND RESEARCH PROGRAM IN APPROVING 26.5 BILLION MILITARY AUTHORIZATION BILL. FINNEY SAID NORMALLY PRO-PENTAGON HOUSE COMMITTEE CUT MORE DEEPLY THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BUT THAT APPROVED AMOUNT WOULD STILL BE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THIS YEAR'S CURRENT SPENDING. FINNEY SAYS COMMITTEE DECIDED IN FAVOR OF LARGE REDUCTIONS AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL RATHER THAN HAVE MEAT-AX CUTS MADE ON FLOOR OF HOUSE, BUT SIX JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE PREPARING TO OFFER A COUNTER-BUDGET ON THE FLOOR CALLING FOR A 14 PERCENT REDUCTION WITH THE AIM OF STIMULATING FLOOR DEBATE ON THE NATION'S GLOBAL MILITARY ROLE AFTER VIETNAM.

7C. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST GETLER LOCAL SAID HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE VOTED RECORD CUT OF 3.7 BILLION FROM THE 29.8 BILLION REQUESTED FOR MILITARY PROCUREMENT WITH CRITICS OF THE COMMITTEE CALLING MUCH OF THE REDUCTION "PHONY", REP. ASPIN SAYING ACTUAL CUTS AMOUNT TO ONLY 1.3 BILLION. GETLER SAID HOUSE COMMITTEE GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO REQUESTS FOR B-1 BOMBER, BUT ADDED SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE APPROVED 5 PROJECTS INTENDED TO IMPROVE ACCURACY AND LETHALITY OF LONG-RANGE US MISSILES. KISSINGER

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